

Homegoing Celebration For Nazzree Ann Davis
Tuesday, March 6, 2012



Sunrise: April 14, 1941

Sunset: February 26, 2012

North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church
1427 Fred Jackson Way, Richmond, CA 94801

Pastor Lloyd Farr, Officiating

I am not gone, my soul lives on, but in a better place, surrounded by the light of God, in all His glory and grace

Order of Celebration

Processional..... Clergy and Family

Scripture Reading

Old Testament..... Rev. Oscar Powell

Psalm 100: 1-5

New Testament..... Rev. Michael Jones

John 14: 1-6

Prayer..... Rev. Michael Jones

Obituary Reading..... Sis. Beverly Murray

Musical Tribute..... William Johnson

Special Speaker..... Rev. James Harris

Musical Tribute..... David Hartfield

Musical Tribute..... Dallas Davis

Poetry Reading..... Doris Collier

Expressions - 2 minute limit, please

Tribute Song..... "I Never Lost My Priase" (Tramaine Hawkins)

Eulogy..... Pastor Lloyd Farr

Parting View

Recessional

Celebration of Life Nazzree Ann Davis

"Leeky"

On April 14, 1941 in Ville Platte, Louisiana, God blessed Edward and Dovie Randle with the birth of their fifth oldest child, Nazzree Ann Davis. "Nazz" as she was affectionately called, moved from Louisiana to Richmond, California in 1957. She attended Richmond High School, graduated and continued her education at Contra Costa College.

Nazz was employed for 28 years, by Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART). She retired in August 2001. BART was more than just her employer as it helped to "transport" Cupid and his arrows in the direction of true love. Nazz met her then, future husband, Donny R. Davis Sr. at BART. Donny was Nazz's instructor and she turned out to be the "teacher's pet". They fell in love and were married in 1977. They shared a loving marriage for 37 years.

Nazz was a beautiful Christian woman. She initially became a member of the North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church, under the leadership of Rev. Watkins, and subsequently moved her membership to the Bethel Tabernacle Church, under the leadership of Pastor Farr. Nazz was not a "bench warmer" she was an active and faithful member of her church. Nazz exemplified the quote: "A good objective of leadership is to help those who are doing poorly to do well and to help those who are doing well to do even better." She served as President of the Hospitality/Greeter's Ministry and Advisor to the Young Adult Ministry. Nazz was also faithful beside her husband as deaconess. Being greeted by Nazz's lovely smile and warm-hearted embrace helped each parishioner to feel a true sense of "welcome" to Sunday Morning Worship Service. Serving as an Advisor to the Young Adult Ministry, allowed her to share her wealth of experiences to help others in their walk with Christ. She was an encourager even through her illness to the Wednesday morning Prayer Ministry at Bethel. She could talk to you about any subject and then tell you to read the word. She encouraged you to be the best you could be, and would then add "...know your word it's all there, just open His book."

Nazz was an early morning riser. She would capture this quiet time by going to her "special place" where she would read and study her bible. She would write in her journal, the message and inspiration that she received from her Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) study that day. Nazz would pray and meditate, as this was "her time" to be with GOD. So if you called her around 6:00a.m you would have to wait, to engage her in conversation, as this was "their" time ... she and her heavenly Father.

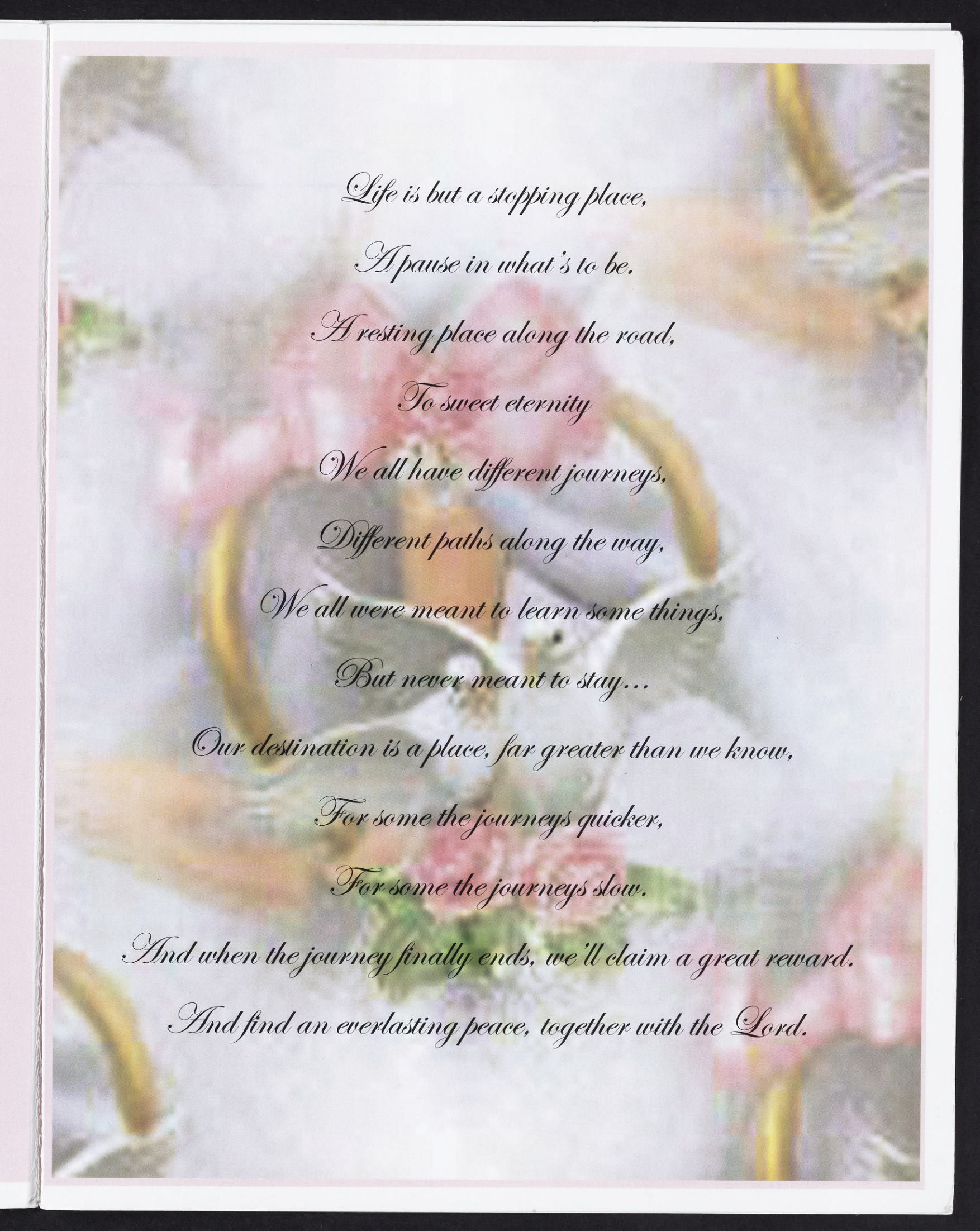
Nazz enjoyed talking with her family, her children and their friends. She took care of them all ... mind, body and soul. She offered her wise counsel and advice and freely shared her solid hearty cooking. Nazz made everyone feel welcome. She made you feel that her home was your home. She would take time for the grand and the great-grand kids, by playing dress up, and other games, which they loved. Children grow up so quickly, and Nazz just enjoyed letting them be kids, as she simply watched them play.

Nazz knew how much the words "I love you" meant. These were words that she used often. You see she knew some of us needed to hear those magical words, and some of us needed that special hug (which often accompanied "I love you more") that she gave so freely.

Nazz reached outside of her immediate family and friends by touching the lives of many other people. She was a volunteer at Doctors Hospital in San Pablo CA. Here she shared her smile, her warmth, and her words of encouragement and comfort to both patients and visiting friends and families.

On February 26, 2012 at her home on Brookside Drive in San Pablo, CA, with her family by her side, Nazzree Ann Davis closed her eyes for the last time and went to her true home. She was preceded in death, and will meet on the other side, her mother and father, Edward Dibson and Dovie Randle; and her siblings Allen Randle, Willie Herman Randle, Marie Randle-Preston, Jamila (Earlene), and Rukia Mason.

Those who will mourn her passing, but are left with precious memories are: her Husband, Donny Davis Sr., Daughters, Virginia Pitre (Michael) of Vallejo, CA, Verna Abbott (Michael Jones) of Houston, TX, Novella Abbott of San Pablo, CA, son, Donny Davis Jr. (KeTasha) of San Pablo, CA and two stepdaughters that she welcomed with love, Tomiko Jacobs of New Mexico & Ychoya Davis of Stockton, CA. Siblings, Jessie Mae Lee (Adell) of Richmond, CA, Johni Mae Randle of Stockton, CA, Edward Junior Randle (Teresa) of San Pablo, CA and Keith Randle (Vanessa) of Richmond, CA. Grand children, Michael Pitre Jr. (Shamika) of Richmond CA, Samantha Jones of Houston TX, Timothy Cormier of San Pablo, CA and Dallas Davis of San Pablo, CA. Great-Grand children, Leanna Bonner, Melonie Pitre, Samiyah Augustine & London Pitre, Sister-In-Law, Faye Jett (David) of Pittsburg CA. God-Children, Doris Collier of Richmond CA, Cathy Birdsong of Vallejo, CA, Damien Johnson of Richmond, CA and our special long time family friend/aunt/sister/sister in law Alice Marie Axel of Richmond, CA, God-mother to Nazz's only son Mother Dorothy Williams of Richmond, CA. Let's not forget her best friend in the "Whole Wide World," Jesse Thomas, and life long friend Shirley Ogletree (Taalia Hasan). She also leaves a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends that are just too numerous to name.



Life is but a stopping place,

A pause in what's to be.

A resting place along the road,

To sweet eternity

We all have different journeys,

Different paths along the way,

We all were meant to learn some things,

But never meant to stay...

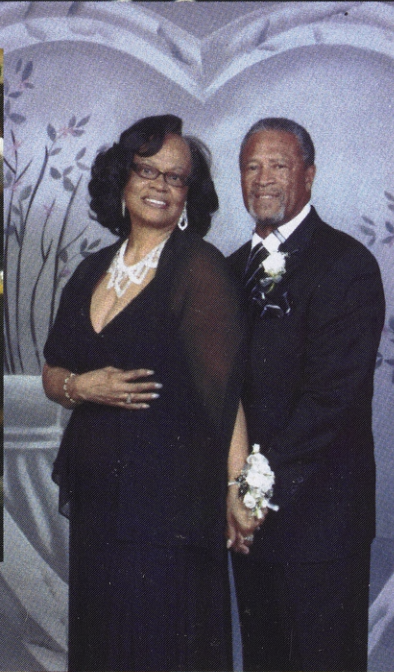
Our destination is a place, far greater than we know,

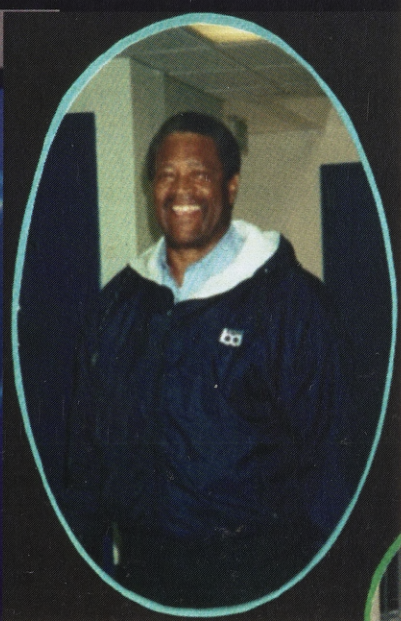
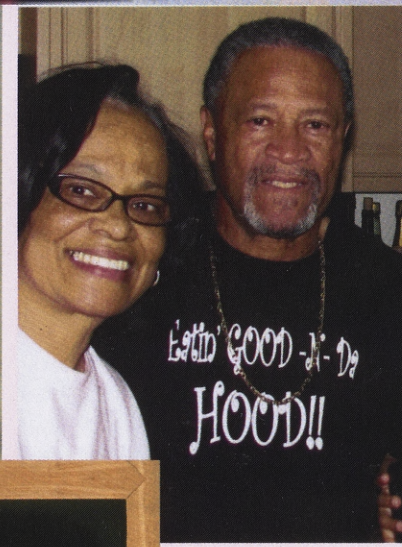
For some the journeys quicker,

For some the journeys slow.

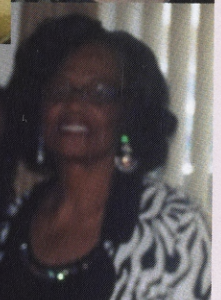
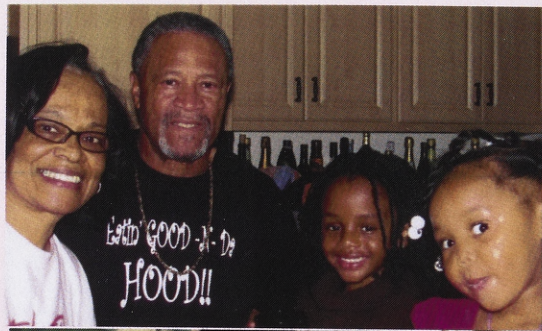
And when the journey finally ends, we'll claim a great reward.

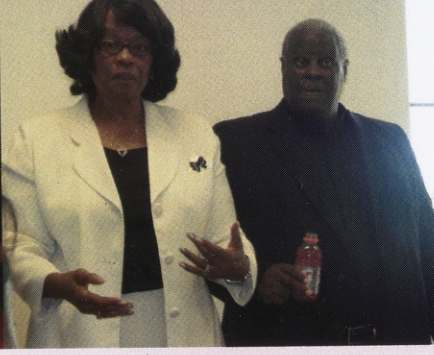
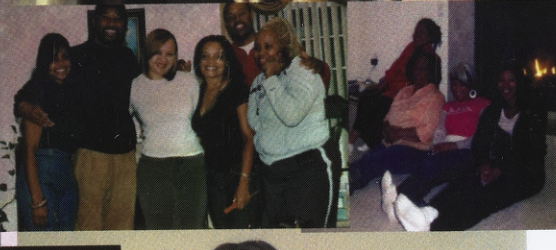
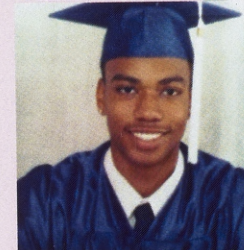
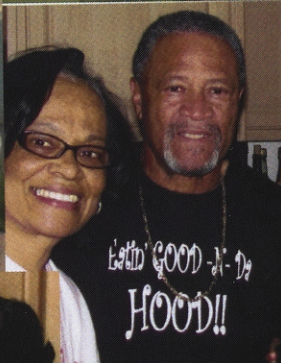
And find an everlasting peace, together with the Lord.

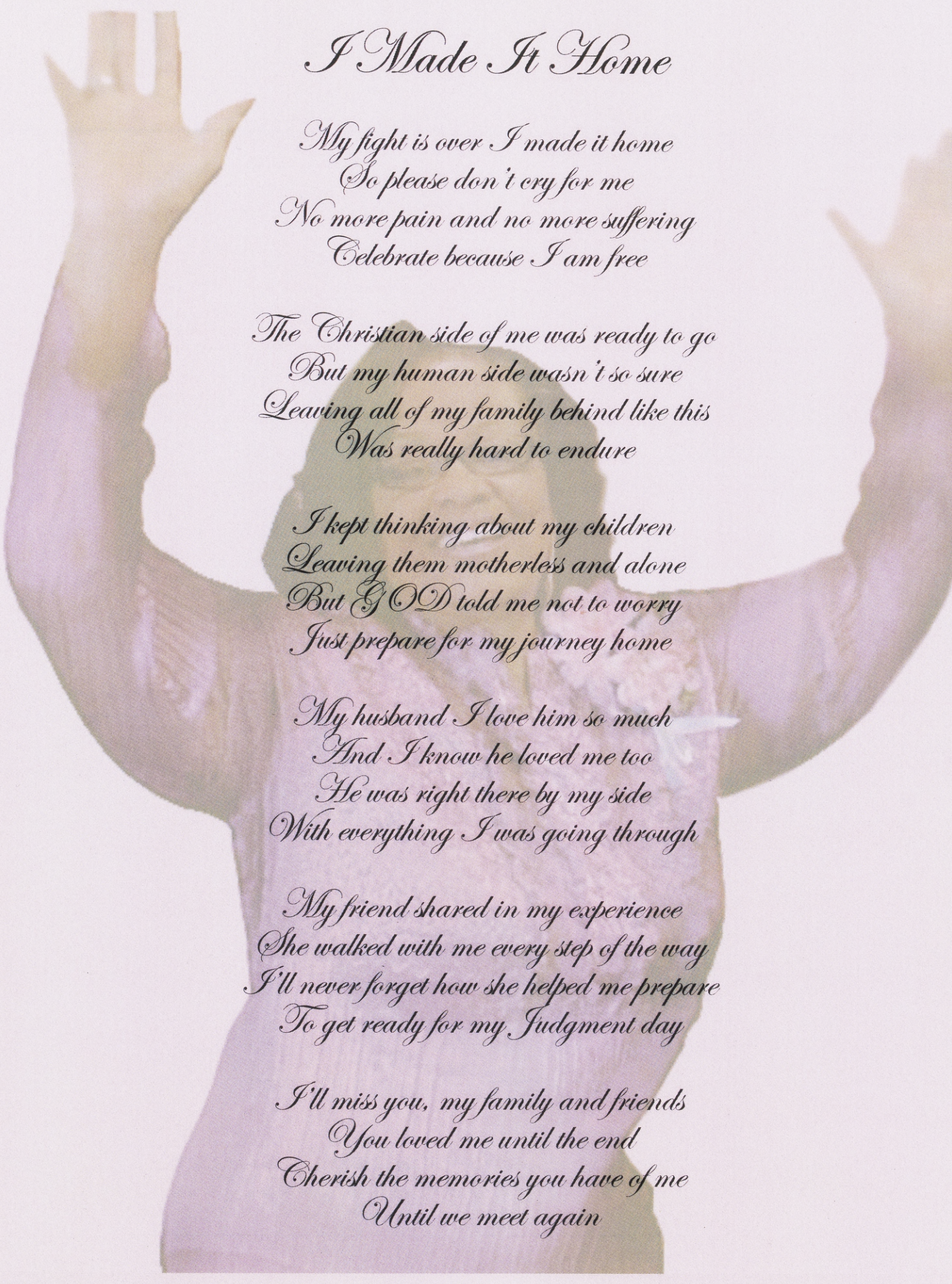












I Made It Home

*My fight is over I made it home
So please don't cry for me
No more pain and no more suffering
Celebrate because I am free*

*The Christian side of me was ready to go
But my human side wasn't so sure
Leaving all of my family behind like this
Was really hard to endure*

*I kept thinking about my children
Leaving them motherless and alone
But GOD told me not to worry
Just prepare for my journey home*

*My husband I love him so much
And I know he loved me too
He was right there by my side
With everything I was going through*

*My friend shared in my experience
She walked with me every step of the way
I'll never forget how she helped me prepare
To get ready for my Judgment day*

*I'll miss you, my family and friends
You loved me until the end
Cherish the memories you have of me
Until we meet again*



Active Pallbearers

Jerald Clayborn
Jamaal Cotright
Jamaar Cotright
Marcus Parham

Michael Pitre, Jr.
Lamont Thompson
Rick Spencer
Jeremy Williams

Honorary Pallbearers

Donny Davis, Jr.
Terrence Thomas

Michael Pitre, Sr.
Damien Johnson

In Appreciation

The family of Nazzree Ann Davis wishes to express its utmost and sincere appreciation for every act of kindness that has been expressed through prayer, beautiful flowers, cards, food and to those appearing on the funeral program. We have been strengthened by your prayers and unselfish devotions.

A Special Note to My Family

I want you to know how much I love you, it goes beyond any words I can say, and when you think of me, remember me in that way. Don't grieve for me for now I'm free.

I'm following the path, God laid for me!

Love Always and Forever

Your Wife, Mother, Sister, Grandmother, Great Grandmother & Dear Friend

Interment: Rolling Hills Memorial Park - 4100 Hilltop Drive - Richmond, California

Repast: Immediately Following - North Richmond Missionary Baptist Church

Service Entrusted To: Wilson & Kratzer Mortuaries - 455- 24th Street - Richmond, California